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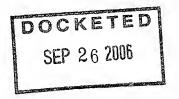
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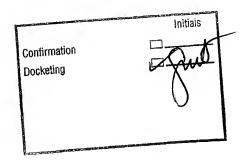
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1.	This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).					
2.	This REPORT consists of a total of 8 sheets, including this cover sheet.					
	In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.					
3.	This report contains indications relating to the following items:					
	Box No. I	Basis of the report				
	Box No. II	Priority				
	Box No. III	Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability				
	Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention				
	Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement				
	Box No. VI	Certain documents cited				
	Box No. VII	Certain defects in the international application				
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REC'D 1 8 AUG 2005 From the INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY To: WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY see form PCT/ISA/220 (PCT Rule 43bis.1) Date of mailing (day/month/year) see form PCT/ISA/210 (second sheet) Applicant's or agent's file reference FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraph 2 below see form PCT/ISA/220 Priority date (day/month/year) International filing date (day/month/year) International application No. 03.03.2004 03.03.2005 PCT/US2005/007519 International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC C12Q1/68, G01N33/53 Applicant ADRA, Chaker N. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items: 1. ☑ Box No. I Basis of the opinion ☐ Box No. II Priority Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability ☑ Box No. III Lack of unity of invention ☐ Box No. IV Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial ☑ Box No. V applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited Certain defects in the international application Box No. VII □ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application 2. **FURTHER ACTION** If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA"). However, this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notifed the International Bureau under Rule 66.1 bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered. If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of three months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later. For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220. **Authorized Officer** Name and mailing address of the ISA:

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# WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

International application No. PCT/US2005/007519

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	lan (ur	is opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following guage , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search older Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2.	With re	gard to any <b>nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence</b> disclosed in the international application and ary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
	a. type	of material:
	$\boxtimes$	a sequence listing
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		filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
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Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability					
The obv	questions whether the claimed in ous), or to be industrially applica	nveni ble h	tion appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non ave not been examined in respect of:		
	the entire international application,				
$\boxtimes$	claims Nos. 61-71				
bec	ause:				
	the said international application, or the said claims Nos. relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (specify):				
	the description, claims or drawings (indicate particular elements below) or said claims Nos. 61-71 are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (specify):				
	see separate sheet				
⊠	the claims, or said claims Nos. 61-71 are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.				
$\boxtimes$	no international search report has been established for the whole application or for said claims Nos. 61-69 (in part)				
	the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in Anne C of the Administrative Instructions in that:				
	the written form		has not been furnished		
			does not comply with the standard		
	the computer readable form		has not been furnished		
			does not comply with the standard		
	the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in computer readable form only, on not comply with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions.				
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Yes: Claims

28-48

No:

No:

Claims

1-27,49-60

Inventive step (IS)

Yes: Claims

Claims

1-60

Industrial applicability (IA)

Yes: Claims

1-60

No: Claims

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

#### Re Item III.

- 1 Clarity, Support and Disclosure (Art. 5 and 6 PCT)
- 1.1 A search report has been established based on the alleged effects of the compound/compositions of claims 61-69.
- The application does not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT, because claims 61-71 are not clear and not supported by the description. The matter for which protection is sought is not clearly defined. The claims relate to compounds and compositions that are defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely that they interact with a marker in an amount sufficient to treat a disease or that they alter a physiological property of a cell. The claims cover all compounds and compositions having this characteristic or property, whereas the application does not provide support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for any of said compounds or compositions. This leads also to a lack of clarity and support of claims 62 and 67, since it is unclear how the modulation of the activity or expression of a marker shall be performed. Thus claims 61-71 lack support and clarity (Article 6 PCT) and the application lacks support (Article 5 PCT). Consequently no opinion regarding the novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability of the subject matter of said claims has been formulated.

#### Re Item V.

- 2 Reference is made to the following documents:
  - D1: US 2004/038252 A1 (SUGITA YUJI ET AL) 26 February 2004
  - D2: WO 99/10536 A (YALE UNIVERSITY; YERRAMILLI, SUBRAHMANYAM, V; PRASHAR, YATINDRA; NEWBU) 4 March 1999
  - D3: WO 02/33122 A (GENOX RESEARCH, INC; JAPAN AS REPRESENTED BY GENERAL DIRECTOR OF NATIO) 25 April 2002
  - D4: US 2003/069196 A1 (LEVINSON DOUGLAS ADAM ET AL) 10 April 2003
  - D5: WO 97/39148 A (CEDARS-SINAI MEDICAL CENTER) 23 October 1997

- 3 Novelty and Inventive Step (Art. 33(2) and 33(3) PCT)
- D1 discloses a method for diagnosing a non-neutrophil, granulocyte disorder (atopic dermatitis, par. 11-17), by comparing the expression level of a granulocyte selective marker (a gene expressed in eosinophils) of a subject with a reference (healthy person, claim 1) in order to diagnose a disorder. D1 also discloses the use of the marker gene in order to identify a compound that alters the expression of the gene (par. 23-37). D1 discloses that the expression of the marker gene is indicative of a regression (par. 12-13). D1 thus discloses all the technical features of claims 1,14, and 49 in combination.
- D2 discloses a method for diagnosing a granulocyte disorder (sterile inflammatory disease, ex. 10), by comparing the expression level of granulocyte selective markers (neutrophil mRNA species, ex. 10) of a subject with a reference (patient) in order to diagnose a disorder. D2 also discloses a method to identify a compound that alters the expression of the granulocyte marker in order to identify a therapeutic agent (ex. 5 and 6). D2 thus discloses all the technical features of claims 1 and 49 in combination.
- 3.3 Consequently in the light of D1 and D2 independent claims 1, 14 and 49 are not novel in the sense of Art. 33(2) PCT.
- Due to the fact that D1 already discloses a marker gene whose expression is used in order to screen for a candidate compound for a therapeutic agent (par. 42) and as well discloses a marker gene whose expression depends on the stage of the disease (par. 13-14), the use of this marker to monitor the response to a treatment and to determine regression of a disorder are regarded as normal modifications of the method of D1 that the person skilled in the art would perform without an inventive step. Consequently the subject matter of the independent claims 28, 35 and 42 cannot be regarded as being inventive.
- 3.5 Thus for the reasoning given above the independent claims 1, 14, 28, 35, 42 and 49

- do not fulfil the requirements of inventive step of Art. 33(3) PCT.
- In the light of D1 and D2 dependent claims 2-13, 15-27, 29-34, 36-41 and 43-48 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step.
- 3.7 Additionally in the light of D3 (abstract), D4 (par. 344), and D5 (example 1) the subject matter of claims 1-60 do not meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of inventive step.
- 3.8 Consequently claims 1-60 do not fulfil the requirements of novelty and/or inventive step of Art. 33(2) and 33(3) PCT.
- Irrespective of points raised above claims 61-69 relate to subject-matter considered by this Authority to be covered by the provisions of Rule 67.1(iv) PCT. Consequently, no opinion will be formulated with respect to the industrial applicability of the subject-matter of these claims (Article 34(4)(a)(I) PCT).